

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
EDINA HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.
EDINA CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
4801 WEST 50TH STREET**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Chris Rofidal, Laura Benson, Bob Kojetin, Karen Ferrara, Lou Blemaster, Connie Fukuda, Jean Rehkamp Larson, Arlene Forrest and Elizabeth Montgomery

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Joyce Repya, Associate Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Vogel, Heritage Preservation Consultant

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: August 12, 2008

Member Kojetin moved approval of the minutes from the August 12, 2008 meeting. Member Ferrara seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. EDUCATION/LIBRARY INITIATIVE:

Member Forrest reported that she researched several the possibilities for obtaining assistance with the purchase and housing of the historic resource library proposed by the Board at a previous meeting.

Ms. Forrest discovered that the Edina Library at Grandview Square has merged with the Hennepin County Library system and changed their policies for procurement and housing of documents. Due to the change in policies, there is no guarantee that they would assist with the purchase or housing of the documents, however we could pursue it through their on line request form.

In a discussion with Dick Crockett from the Edina Foundation, Ms. Forrest learned of several approaches that could be taken....First, the HPB could apply for a grant from the Foundation to purchase the documents which could be housed either at City Hall or at the Edina Foundation offices (at the Senior Center). Another

approach suggested by Mr. Crockett was to request assistance from the Country Club District Neighborhood Association which the Edina Foundation supports.

Following up on the Country Club District Neighborhood Association suggestion, Ms. Forrest contacted Bonnie McGrath, Secretary of the Association who indicated that the mission of their group is social in nature, and funding the purchase of the historic resources may not fit with their spending criteria.

Following a brief discussion, Member Kojetin moved that the Board pursue the purchase of two sets of the historic resources (which should total about \$900.00) through a grant request to the Edina Foundation. Member Blemaster seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried. Member Forrest agreed to write the grant for the historic resource funding from the Edina Foundation. Board members thanked Ms. Forrest for her work on this project.

On a related note, Consultant Vogel reported that he has continued to investigate options for an active heritage education component through the Edina Community Education program. Mr. Vogel provided the deadline for submission dates for both the winter and spring/summer sessions. He pointed out that if he were to teach a class, he would be paid by the Community Education program, not the HPB. Vogel added that classes he has taught in other communities have been very well received. Board members agreed that offering classes highlighting Edina's heritage resources definitely fits with the mission of the HPB - although the deadline for the winter classes left little time for planning, they encouraged Mr. Vogel to plan for the spring/summer session. No formal action was taken.

IV. HPB – CITY WEBSITE REVIEW:

The Board reviewed the Heritage Preservation Board section of the City's website page by page to look for necessary corrections and discuss possible ways that the site could become more user friendly. All agreed that the use of photographs was very important for all the heritage resources. They also suggested that the individual plan of treatments for the landmark designated properties be provided in a separate PDF to reduce the amount of text.

Planner Repya recorded the suggested changes which she agreed to share with the City's Communications Department to determine if making the changes would be possible. The Board decided to revisit the revised website at a future meeting to evaluate how the changes that were possible enhanced the site. No formal action was taken.

V. MORNINGSIDE BUNGALOWS:

Consultant Vogel reported that he was in the process of preparing materials for the multiple property landmark designation of bungalow style homes in the Morningside neighborhood, which should be complete later this fall. In the interim, Vogel suggested that Board members visit the National Park Service

website www.nps.gov to research the multiple property designation criteria and forms used for National Register properties. Board members welcomed the opportunity to become better informed about the multiple property designation process, and expressed a keen interest in recognizing historic resources in the Morningside neighborhood. No formal action was taken,

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

4620 Drexel Avenue – Renovation to Front Facade

Planner Repya reported that the home at 4620 Drexel Avenue is currently undergoing interior renovations which include the double hung windows in the living room on front façade to be replaced with French doors. Ms. Repya reminded the Board that window replacement is called out in the Country Club District Plan of Treatment as not requiring a COA.

Board members reviewed photos and an exterior rendering showing the new French doors. All agreed that while the new doors do change the front façade, a COA would not be required. Board members added that the new doors will not detract from the historic integrity of the property and will be an enhancement to the home. No formal action was taken.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Member Kojetin reported that he sent a letter of thanks to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District from the Edina Historical Society and the Heritage Preservation Board to recognize the watershed's generous contribution of \$60,000 (\$10,000 for 3 interpretive signs and \$50,000 for the bridge reconstruction). Board members expressed their appreciation for Kojetin including the HPB on the letter of thanks. No formal action was taken.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 14, 2008

X. ADJOURNMENT 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Repya

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